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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Update of the Maximum Authorized Draft for the Neopanamax Locks

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that, based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake for the following weeks, effective **February 27, 2019**, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax Locks will be **14.63m (48.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW)**.

Vessels arriving with drafts over 14.63 m (48.0 feet) TFW may be allowed to transit past February 27, 2019, depending on the actual level of Gatun Lake at the time of transit. Otherwise, they will be required to trim or off-load cargo in order to be allowed to transit.

Draft adjustments will be announced in 12 inch (30.5 cm) decrements, generally with at least four weeks advance notice.

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